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Via Email and U.S. Mail

The Honorable Battle R. Robinson 104 West Market Street Georgetown, DE 19947

RE: Proposed Affiliation of BCBSD, Inc. ("BCBSD") with Highmark, Inc. ("Highmark")

Dear Judge Robinson:

On Thursday, September 29, 2011, via conference call, Your Honor requested that the parties send to you a list of proposed conditions relating to the Proposed Affiliation and information as to whether such conditions have been agreed to by the parties. On October 3, 2011, counsel for the Delaware Department of Insurance (the "DOI") sent to Your Honor the proposed conditions agreed to by Highmark and BCBSD and stated that certain other conditions are currently being discussed.

The Delaware Department of Justice (the "DOJ") has also proposed a condition to the parties and hereby requests that it be considered by Your Honor in Your Honor's review of the Proposed Affiliation in addition to the conditions proposed by the DOI. This condition has not been agreed to by Highmark and BCBSD at this time. The DOJ's proposed condition and rationale/statutory criteria are as follows:

Rationale/Statutory Criteria **Proposed Condition** Ensures preservation of surplus or reserves of BCBSD and Highmark must establish a BCBSD for use solely for the benefit of the mechanism to guarantee that the public's Delaware public. investment in BCBSD remains in Delaware to be held and protected for the benefit of 18 Del. C. § 6311(b). Delawareans, specifically to serve the State's This condition also expresses the position of unmet health needs. The public investment the DOJ representing the State in its capacity as Delawareans have made in BCBSD should be parens patriae to protect the interests of the valued prior to the closing of the transaction, public. taking into account the effect of the affiliation, by a valuation expert approved by the Department of Justice, but the asset that shall be held and protected should in no event be less than \$45 million.

Respectfully submitted,

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